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**and Citties their aduersaries: touching his now**  
**intended proceedings, against the Spani-**  
**ards and their adherents.**

**Whereunto is annexed a caueat, or Proclama-**  
**tion, to the Vnitd Netherlandish Prouinces.**

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*An admonition published by the General States of the Netherlandish-Vnited Provinces: vnto the States and Citties, their aduersaries, touching his now intended proceedings, against the Spaniards & their adherents.*

**T**O the high and=well borne, Reuerend, Noble, right Worship, most learned, Wise, Prouident, most discrete Lordes, good friends & neighbors: The Prelates, Princes, Earles, Lords, Gentlemen and Citties of Brabant, Flaunders, Artois, Haynolt, Valenchien, Lylle, Donay, Orchies, Namen, Tornezie, Tournay and Mecheld, representing the States of the Netherlands, vnder the gouernment of the Spaniards or the Archduke: & to euery one of the in generall & perticular.

**M**ost high and well-borne, Reuerend, Noble, right worshipfull, worthy, learned, wise, prouident, and most discrete Lords, good friends and louing neighbours: we doubt not but your Excellen. Lordsh. worth. & beloued are: yet mindefull of the manifolde amiable exhortations done vnto you by vs at seuerall times, tending to prouoke your Excellencies, Lordships, worshipps &c. onely once with a ripe and settled sence, to consider the wicked pretences of the Spaniards & their adherents: enemies to the welfare, rights, preiudges,

ledges, goods, and persons of the Netherlands: namely, utterly to destroy & ruinate (generallie) all the inhabitants of the Netherlandes, of what estate, qualitie, or condition so euer: which indeede hath been their originall, & deep noted mischieuous and shamefull pretence.

It is not also vnknowne to vs (although the said pretence be nothing lesse beloued, & helde for most vnreplicable amongst you then with vs) that yet not withstanding some of your Excellencies, Lordships &c. Partly through the naturall instinct of their Noble kindenes, and partly by perswasions, are reduced to a selfe selling knowledg &c. & that through the Archdukes meanes, and their highnesses presences, these matters might be righted and brought to a better point. But considering that we haue a perfect knowledg of the continuance of this Spanishe pretence which ceaseth not, but with their adherents (by all meanes) endeavour to procure the ruine & ouerthrow of these Netherlands, thereby for euer to reduce them to the thral-dome of the Spanishe yoke, and according to their owne appetites & pleasures to rule. not onely ouer the good inhabitanes of the same, but also ouer their consciences, bodies, rights & goods, which the Archduke himselfe shall not be able to preuent nor remedie. Wee haue not been able to conforme our selues to any such liking but to the ende your Excellencies Lordships, worshipps &c. nor our selues, be not throwne downe headlong into an eminent, Infallible, continuall, & unrecoverable ouerthrowe and seruitude, we hauing compassionatly found it better (with a stedfast courage) to continue & persist in our laudable resolution, originallly, sprung from the

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the chiefest & notablest Persons & members of the  
generall Netherlandish Provinces of all estates &  
conditions. Trusting assuredly vpon the mercifull  
helpe of the Almighty God: vpon the fauours,  
aides, & assistaunces of the kings, Princes, and  
common wealthes, with which we are in league,  
& friendship, together w<sup>th</sup> the iustnes of our cause: &  
with all patience to expect (especially by meanes of  
your Excellencies, Lordships, Worthships &c. good  
furtherance, direction, & inward wise gouernment  
in your Gates) a godlie & most wished issue thereof.  
And to that ende most willinglie to beare all the  
burthens, perrils, charges, & paynes: which in so  
holly, laudable, honourable, seruiceable, & needfull a  
resolution shal be requisite: without that at any  
time we haue, or euer shal be mooued to any kinde  
of alteration, by meanes of that vnwoorthy  
transportation, done of these Netherlands, by the  
late king of Spaine vnto their Highnesses: we hau-  
ing in regard of the same (after the said transporta-  
tion) by our letters & verball communications, held  
with your Exc. Lo. wo. &c. Commissioners: earnestly  
admonished, y<sup>e</sup> good care might betake vpon y<sup>e</sup> mat-  
ters of war on your sides, aswel within & w<sup>th</sup>out the  
land: & we trust, y<sup>e</sup> if the same were censured with  
an vnpassionate & vnpartial mind, & w<sup>th</sup> cleare eyes  
wel looked into, none were able vprightly to iudge,  
but y<sup>e</sup> the said Deceiptful transportation was vnre-  
plicable tending to the assured and eminent ouer-  
throw & suppression of the general Netherlands, &  
of all estates and persons therein. Your Excellen-  
cies, Lordships, Worthships, &c. manifestly se, heare,  
vnderstand & feele, what passeth among you, & you  
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are able easily to coniecture what else is apparant  
to follow : in so much that we esteeme it needles to  
write any tedious circumstance therof. Onely, as  
yet we will most friendly wish, exhort & pray your  
Excellen. Lord. Woz. &c. earnestly to consider the  
worthy & laudable reputation, which by your Exc.  
Loz. Woz. &c. and our fore-fathers, hath bin pur-  
chased so many hundred yeres agoe : & vntill this  
present is left vs a leuelled lyne, for vs to follow  
therby, & to be come true Champions & Defendors  
of the free Netherlandish rights & priuiledges in  
generall: and perticularly of the countries, mem-  
bers, citties, & the inhabitants thereof. And to ex-  
amine if the contents of the said anullated and vn-  
worthy transportation, and the Dealings which si-  
thence haue followed (& yet dayly are continuing)  
do agree together, with the duties wherewith your  
Excel. Lord. Woz. &c. their worthy houses, estates,  
posterities (but especially our beloued naturall  
country) is bound vnto : if yee, (which we by no  
meanes can perswade our selues vnto) wee must  
beseech God Almighty of his mercy to illuminate &  
endue your Excel. Loz. Woz. &c. with a moze soun-  
der iudgement and vnderstanding : But if in case  
your Exc. Lo. Woz. do iudge the said pretended vn-  
worthy transportatiō (although it hath bin accep-  
ted through necessity, & to shun a further or greater  
mischiefe) to be dishonorable, deceitful, & a shame-  
ful spot & blemish vnto al worthy Netherlanders:  
Considered moreouer, that the proceedinges of the  
Spaniards & their adherents followe thereon, & vn-  
till this present, do continue frō bad to worse, aswel  
in matters of State as in war, are (as we assure  
our

our selues, that most of your Excellences, Lordships, Worthships, &c. well know) are altogether ruinous & intollerable: And consequently your Excellences, Lordships, Worthships, &c. are not bound nor beholden vnto them, as those which warre and strue against the generall good, and the Netherlandish Lawes, Rights, and Priuiledges. It likewise your Excellences, Lordships, Worthships, &c. consider how all the extremitie of forces, Interdictions of trade and commerce, con'piracies and plots, to intrap her prince. Maestie of England, and th' united Provinces, dayly appeare and are discouered: and not only their pretences are vaine and forcelesse, but also haue a quite contrarie operation. That the treacherous enterprises vpon Citties and Forts of the French Kings, giue great occasion, that some day or other, a sodaine & terrible reuenge may be vndertaken. That the Brookes, and famous Libels, and odious Ballades, whereby they seeke to make the French King and his proceedings, hatefull in the Commons hartes, and to make the Rights of Succession of the Crownes of Fraunce and England doubtfull, are nothing else but idle prepositions, onely tending to the irritation and prouoking of their Maesties: And that in vaine it is attempted, to rayse tumultes and dissentions among the Communaltie of th' united Provinces, since that they (praise vnto God) their Condition considered, are in estate a hundred times better, and more assured, then the Communaltie on the Spanish, or their Highnesses side: and that they not hauing any reason of mistrust in their lawfull Magistrates, nor of their actions, do beare

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themselves most quiet and obedient. But that to the contrarie, the Commons of the Spanish or Archdukes side (beeing that all matters do dayly waxe worse and worse,) That the authoritie of the States, Prelats, Princes, Lordes, Nobles, and Citties, of the Counties both generally and particularly, more then euer tofore, is troden vnder foote and reduced to no regard nor respect. Yea, that all matters haue their foundation and ground vpon Strangers, with a dejection of all worthy Inhabitants and home-borne Nobilitie, not only in the gouernement of the principall Citties and Fortes, but sufficiently in generall in euery thing: except that sometime here and there *Pro forma*, in some matters they seeme to doe some thing to the purpose, the which also (they once beeing Masters) would soone leaue aside.

That the Countreies and Inhabitantes are robbed, dishonored, and disfurnished, not onely of all trafficke, negotiation, nauigation, welfare, and dealings; but also the very three fourth partes of the good Inhabitantes, are utterly destitute of all means of maintenaunce. The principall Citties conuerted to Doue-cots, the Villages and Countreie groundes euen brought to the extreamest point of povertie, eaten vp and ransackt by the men of Warre: and yet the Soulers themselves to ill parde, that the mutinie of one partie cannot be appeased, but there are two l. he, or worse, to be expected. And that in briefe, it is most euident, that all will fall into a most apparant dangerous desperation.

This then all considered, we pray your Excellencies,



tencies, Lordships, Worthships, &c. that in effect, the  
needfull remedies hereto may be taken in hand  
and ministered. And namely, that it may please  
you to effect thus much, as that their Highness  
will vouchsafe to depart out of the Netherlands, to  
purchase a more quietter and securer passage or  
portion: At which time, it will be little difficult for  
your Excellencies, Lordships, Worthships, &c. and  
us together, to make the Spaniards & other stran-  
gers to follow them: and for the best part of their  
adherentes, to make and conuert into good and  
worthy Netherlanders.

If now by any one this were helde for an Im-  
possibilitie, & that your Excellencies, Lordships,  
Worthships, &c. could not securely take, nor be this  
course: that it may please them then to the con-  
trarie to beleue: that if in case your Excellencies,  
Lordships, Worthships, &c. will furnish us with so  
much Money and meanes for sixe Monethes, as  
importes the halfe of the oulde or marie Care of  
Brabant, Flaunders, Artois, Haynolt, Valenchieu,  
Lylle, Douay, Orchies, Namen, Tournesie, Tour-  
nage, and Mechelen, to the same: which through  
Gods gracious permission, we intende this yere  
to performe in manner of Warre: And in respect of  
their Highnesses, keepe themselves quiet, or fall  
to us, (which we put to your Excellencies, Lord-  
ships, Worthships, &c. choyce and good liking) that  
the matter by Gods helpe shall be brought to that  
passe, that your Excellencies, Lordships, Worth-  
ships, &c. themselves, shall in ge therein to be most  
apparrant signes of good successe.

And touching thy assurance, whereon diuers

kinde harted and well enclyned persons trouble  
themselues, are kept backe and stand resolute,  
your Excellences, Lordships, Worships, &c. shall  
them selues set oꝝ hold such orders, as well of the  
Gouernement as of Religion, as themselues shall  
thinke most meete and conuenient: neither neede  
to put any doubt therein, but may be assured that  
therein by vs nothing shal be done noꝝ attempted.  
Assuring moreover your Excellences, Lordships,  
Worships, &c. that in so laudable, honorable, let-  
uiceable, and needefull a cause, neither your Ex-  
cellences, Lordships, Worships, &c. noꝝ wee, shal  
want any backing, support, oꝝ succour, from the  
neighbour kinges, Princes, Common-weales,  
our neighbours and allies. Wherevpon, once  
more most friendly wee require your Excellences,  
Lordships, Worships, &c. that you will commit to  
obliuion all passions, suspitions, and former mis-  
kiniges: and with this good oportunitie and occa-  
sion, to accept and embrace this ground, as being  
the right and onely way to bring the Netherlands  
into their auncent rightes, welfare, peace, tran-  
quillitie; and to her most famous and flourishing  
former estate: without giuing any eare vnto the  
new pretended forces, which are nought else, but  
such as will cause a greater destruction & miserie.  
Otherwise, and in default hereof, wee foresee that  
the damages, calamities, and miseries, are destined  
this yere to fall more greater, then euer hereto-  
foze: whereof, before all the worlde, we will be  
helde guiltlesse. Herewith, we beseeche th'Al-  
mightie GOD, most high and well Reuerent,  
Noble, Right Worshipfull, Worthie, Learned,  
Wise,

wise, prudent, and most discrete Lords, friends,  
and Neighbours. to inspire your Excellencies, Lord-  
ships, worshipps, &c. with that which may stretch  
to the good and welfare of the Netherlands, and the  
good Inhabitants thereof. Given from S'Graue-  
hage the 7. of June. 1602.

The Lord of Hero van Hottinga, Vt.

Your Excellencies, Lordships, Worshipps, &c.  
good friends and neighbours,

*The generall estates of the united Provinces:  
And by order of the same signed.*

C. Aerffen.

The Proclamation, or Letter of Saueguard.  
Which according to the former Letter of  
*admonishment, is to be published to*  
the before named Countries.



Whereas, by meanes of the General  
Estates of the United Netherlands,  
(through the grace of GOD, the  
aide of Potentates and Princes,  
with whom they are in league &  
friendshippe) together with their  
good endeouours, the welfare of the general Nether-  
landes is intended: toynly with her deliurance  
from the bondage of the Spanishe, & her adherentes  
t, rante. And since equitie and reason requireth,  
that also all Princes, Citties, Townes, Villages,  
and Inhabitanes of the Netherlands, which  
are ouerburthened and suppressed by the Spanishe  
yoake, should be assisters and furtherers thereof:  
By these presentes therfore, are now for the first  
and last time summoned and admonished, the Go-  
uernours of the Cittie of  
that within three dayes after the receipt hereof,  
they pay and deliuer into the handes of the Depu-  
tie vnto our Generall Receiuer of the Netherlands,  
being in our Campe, the summe of  
pouases, in deducting the consented summes of  
money both heretofore payne, and hereafter to be  
disburshed, for the freking of the Netherlands. Also,  
the sayd Gouvernours (at the sight hereof) shall  
leade into our Campe two Pledges, for the sayd  
payment: as also with charge, to deale further  
w<sup>th</sup> our Commissioners, as wel vpon a reasona-  
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ble Contribution as for their defence against the incursions and spoiles of the resolute Souldiers of this partie : for the which, these presents shall serue for a Saueguard and passport : Or, in default of not accomplishing these our Letters, we shall (to our grieues) be forced actually to procede against them with the Martiall executions. Thus done, resolved and concluded in the assemblee of the sayd Lordes the generall States : In S<sup>t</sup> Grauen-hage the 7. of June. 1602.

Hero van Hottinga, Vt.

*At the apoyntment of the aboue named  
Lordes the generall states.*

C. Aerssen.

By Letters received from the Brill, dated the 19. of June, (according unto their Computation) is credibly reported, that the Campe of his Excellencie Prince Maurice, was mustered about Elten, neare to Skencke his Sconce, being in number about 24000 Foote men and 7000. Horse, and about 3200. Waggones, to each Waggon belonging three Horse and two Men, with great quantitie of Ordnance, with drawing Horses and their furniture thereunto belonging : These Waggones being all laden with all necessarie Imple-  
mentes, great quantitie of Meale, Milles, Quens to bake, Sackes, Flayles, Boates and Bridges of Leather, with other such like necessaries : his Excellencie ord begin to set his Martiall and discipline orders for the Arch. And was reported, that certaine Capraines were hanged for their faithfull and receipt in their Pastures, and a Souldier, for hauing stolen a Sheepe from the friends partie : so that now each day is to be expected to heare of their intention & proceedings: which we must dayly pray and beseech th<sup>e</sup> Almightye with his all-  
helping hand, to graue such successe, as shall rende to the prayre and glory of his holy name, the protection of his sayth, and to our saluations,  
FINIS.